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## Three West Valley City Prosecutors Honored by United States Department of Justice

West Valley City –Three West Valley City Prosecutors were honored today in Washington D.C. by the United States Department of Justice. City Prosecutors Ryan D. Robinson, Eric Bunderson, and Clint Gilmore were chosen by the Director of the Executive Office for United States Attorneys to receive the Director's Award in the category of "Superior Performance as a Special United States Attorney." This award is in recognition of the trio's contribution to the Project Safe Neighborhoods program in the District of Utah.

"We are very proud to have these three accomplished individuals working for West Valley City," says Mayor Dennis J. Nordfelt. "It is an extraordinary honor for them to be recognized nationally for their efforts in fighting gun crimes in Utah."

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is a comprehensive, strategic approach to reducing gun crime in America. In 2002, when the West Valley City Prosecutor's Office joined forces with the Utah PSN effort, special assistant U.S. attorneys from West Valley City screened 75 cases for federal prosecution and federal indictments were returned charging 73 defendants with violations of firearms laws.

Equally important to PSN, these attorneys went to bat with City officials to facilitate West Valley City's designation as the Utah PSN fiscal agent. As the fiscal agent for PSN, West Valley City has managed a variety of grants to other law enforcement agencies in Utah. Additionally, two of the three senior police officers who have commanded the Utah PSN operational task force have come from West Valley City.